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U.S. AND AUSTRIAN CUSTOMS SERVICES

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1. DEPUTY DIRECTOR AUSTRIAN CUSTOMS DR. FRANZ MANHART HAS
INFORMED EMBASSY THAT AUSTRIAN DELEGATION TO SECOND ROUND OF
CUSTOMS COOPERATION TALKS IN WASHINGTON APRIL 27-29 WILL
CONSIST OF MAHART, DR. KARL FUCHS AND A STILL-TO-BE-DETERMINED
OFFICIAL FROM THE AUSTRIAN EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON. MANHART
AND FUCHS WILL ARRIVE IN WASHINGTON ON APRIL 26; TRAVEL
PLANS STILL NOT FIRM.

2. MAHART REQUESTED THAT WE PASS ON FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION
THE FOLLOWING LANGUAGE TO BE ADDED TO PARA 3, ARTICLE 2, OF
THE DRAFT AGREEMENT:

GERMAN TEXT: "IN GERICHTLICHEN VERFAHREN FINDET DIESES
ABKOMMEN JEDOCH NUR INSOWEIT ANWENDUNG, ALS DIE ERSUCHENDE
ZOLLVERWALTUNG FUER DAS GERICHT TAETIG WIRD."

SUGGESTED ENGLISH TRANSLATION: "IN JUDICIAL PROCEEDINGS
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THIS AGREEMENT SHALL, HOWEVER, APPLY ONLY INSOFAR AS THE

REQUESTING CUSTOMS SERVICES ACT ON BEHALF OF THE COURT."MEEHAN

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